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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

26.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing insurance coverage to a customer,
the method comprising:

    (a) during a preliminary period of time:

        (1) receiving an initial inquiry from the customer;

        (2) providing an input form including at least one field for an entry of a
piece of information concerning at least one of a characteristic of
the customer and a characteristic of an item to be insured;

        (3) receiving the piece of information following its entry into the input
form and submission;

        (4) performing processing in relation to the piece of information;

        (5) providing a preliminary indication to the customer that the customer
will have an ability to order at least one of temporally-limited
amounts of insurance and geographically-limited amounts of
insurance; and

        (6) providing an identifier to the customer; and

    (b) at a subsequent period of time:

        (1) providing a field for an input of a limitation relating to a desired
insurance coverage regarding the item, which is a customer-owned
item, the limitation including a time period indication of a time
period less than a month;

        (2) receiving the limitation at a central processor as provided by way of a
customer-operated terminal;

        (3) performing processing in relation to the limitation to determine
whether the desired insurance coverage as restricted by the
limitation can be provided;

        (4) sending a confirmation to the customer-operated terminal concerning

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whether the desired insurance coverage corresponding to the limitation can be provided;

(5) receiving a further signal from the customer-operated terminal indicating that the desired insurance coverage is still desired;

(6) concluding an arrangement so that the desired insurance coverage concerning the time period is provided to the customer;

(7) receiving credit card information from the customer, wherein the central processor does not bill a customer credit card for the desired insurance coverage as restricted by the limitation until the central processor receives a confirmation from the customer-operated terminal via an internet-type connection that a newly-quoted price for the desired insurance coverage is satisfactory; and

(8) recording information regarding the desired insurance coverage as restricted by the limitation in an insurance company database.

27. (New)   The method of claim 26, wherein the insurance coverage relates to at least one of an automobile and a boat.

28. (New)   The method of claim 27, further comprising:
    repeating at least a portion of the method on at least one additional occasion so that additional desired insurance coverage as restricted by at least one additional time limitation is provided to the customer.

29. (New)   The method of claim 28, wherein the insurance coverage relates to a luxury automobile.

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